

AmeriCorps National Programs

2011-2012 Applicants



National Planning

Award Date: January 31, 2011

Arizona Board of Regents

Staff Recommendation

Supported

For a predominantly rural state such as our own we believe that the program proposed in this planning grant, by utilizing the infrastructure of 4-H, has the potential to be very effective in meeting their goal of engaging disadvantaged youth in rural communities. Additionally, with one of our commission's strategic initiatives to engage youth in math and science, this program is a good fit to the portfolio of service in our state. This applicant did not initiate contact with our commission, the AmeriCorps state office took the lead on gathering information for this recommendation.

Focus Area

Education

Montana Initiatives

Math and Science, Promoting

Volunteerism

Special Focus

Graduation Rates

Trout Unlimited

Staff Recommendation

Not Supported

While this program does propose to address an important need in our state, engaging citizens in watershed education and protective work, it is an unfortunate circumstance that a very similar program has been proposed through the competitive grant process. Based on this circumstance it is our feeling that Trout Unlimited, in our state, may be better suited as a host site than as a program unto itself. This applicant did not initiate contact with our commission, the AmeriCorps state office took the lead on gathering information for this recommendation.

Focus Area

Environmental Stewardship

Montana Initiatives

Promoting Volunteerism

Special Focus

Environmental Awareness, Wild life, Land & vegetation protection

National State Planning

Awarded January 28, 2011

Hi-line Boys and Girls Club

Staff Recommendation

Supported

This program would utilize 36 Boys and Girls Clubs in 31 communities throughout the state to place AmeriCorps members in positions aiding afterschool programs with an overall goal to empowering youth toward adulthood. This proposal provided a very detailed description of the process through which they will proceed in developing an AmeriCorps program and has a strong institution from which to draw in implementing their efforts.

Focus Area

Education

Montana Initiatives

Math and Science, Promoting

Volunteerism

Special Focus

Afterschool Programs

AmeriCorps National

Award Date: May 31, 2011

Youth Volunteer Corps

Staff Recommendation

Supported

The Youth Volunteer Corps would use an AmeriCorps member placed at the United Way of Yellowstone County to help expand and support their programs engaging high school aged youth in volunteering. Additionally this program addresses our state service plan goal of expanding volunteerism in Montana. The United Way of Yellowstone County is a strong organization and has previous experience hosting AmeriCorps members.

Focus Area

Education

Montana Initiatives

Promoting volunteerism

Special Focus

Service Learning

Equal Justice Works

Staff Recommendation

Supported

Equal Justice Works places members at Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) Offices to help increase the capacity of the host site to serve their clients and involve the community in their mission to expand access to justice for Montanans. MLSA is a strong statewide organization with a wealth of knowledge in managing AmeriCorps Programs. Three AmeriCorps Legal Fellows are serving in Missoula, Helena and Billings respectively; one Summer Corps member has served in Helena; additionally this program partners with the University of Montana Missoula Law School. This program meets the Montana State initiative of promoting Volunteerism.

Focus Area

Opportunity, Veterans

Montana Initiatives

Promoting volunteerism

Special Focus

Promoting volunteerism

Compact Service Corps**Staff Recommendation** Supported

This program continues the collaboration between campus based AmeriCorps program across several western states. The Compact Service Corps aims engage more than 370 AmeriCorps members in Montana serving in a wide range of capacities while allowing them to apply their education to areas of need in the communities they serve. This program provides a unique opportunity for students to gain knowledge applicable to their studies while contributing to the betterment of Montana. This program addresses the Montana state initiative of Math and science education as well as promoting volunteerism.

Focus Area

Disaster Services, Education,
Environmental Stewardship,
Healthy Futures, Opportunity
Montana Initiatives
Math and Science, Promoting
volunteerism

Amachi Mentoring Coalition**Staff Recommendation** Supported

The Amachi Mentoring Coalition Project in targeting mentoring to the children with incarcerated family members serves an area not directly addressed by other AmeriCorps program in Montana. Their local partner organization, Big Brother, Big Sisters of Missoula, has extensive experience in managing an Amachi mentoring program and would greatly benefit from the addition of an AmeriCorps member serving to aid the capacity of that program. This proposed program would address the Montana State Initiative of promoting Volunteerism in the state.

Focus Area

Education, Veterans and Military
Families
Montana Initiatives
Promoting volunteerism
Special Focus
Mentoring

Energy Corps**Staff Recommendation** Supported

The Energy Corps began as a formula program funded through the Montana Commission on Community Service during the 2009 grant year. In the two full years this program has operated in the state they have proven to be an extremely strong organization in spite of their relative youth. Further, their focus on renewable energy aligns directly with Montana's state initiative on clean energy. We strongly support the Energy Corps in their pursuit of this National Direct grant and highly recommend them to the state commissions where they intend to expand.

Focus Area

Environmental Stewardship
Montana Initiatives
Clean Energy

Jesuit Volunteer Corps**Staff Recommendation** Supported

Jesuit Volunteer Corps by focusing their services to rural and native populations are filling an important area of the Montana Governor's Commission on Community Service' program portfolio. They have aligned themselves with a strong group of host sites many of which are not being served by other CNCS programs. Additionally JVC has been very communicative with the Montana Office of Community Service and in partnering with other Montana AmeriCorps programs for events and national service days.

Focus Area

Opportunity, Education, Healthy
Futures
Montana Initiatives
Math and Science